

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

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**Senator:** Senator Cory Bernardi

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**Question:**

1. How many full time staff are attached to the COAG Reform Council?
2. Are these staff permanent PM&C staff?
3. In trend terms can you tell us by how much staff numbers grew between 2006 and 2013? Is it possible to break this yearly figure down by classification (eg. how many EL 2, ASO 6s etc)?
4. Which classification experienced the greatest growth in number?
5. Can you break down the existing number of employees at the Council by their classification (eg. how many EL 2, APS 6s etc)?

**Answer:**

1. As at 1 June 2014, there were 22 full-time staff attached to the COAG reform Council (and two part-time staff).
2. Yes.
3. The detailed information requested is not maintained in a readily retrievable format, and to attempt to answer this question would involve an unreasonable diversion of departmental resources.  
See response PM 6 for total numbers of staff per year from 2008-09 to 2012-13.
4. As above.

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5. As at 1 June 2014, the composition of the COAG Reform Council staff (including full-time and part-time) was:

Classification	Number of staff
SES3	1
SES1	1
EL2	6
EL1	10
APS6	3
APS5	1
APS4	2